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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$26,140,000 for dredging projects and dredged material disposal projects related to navigational waterways.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning the dredging of navigational waterways and
2 other waterways of navigational importance in the State and
3 making an appropriation.
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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
9 Department of Environmental Protection the sum of \$22,140,000
10 for the purposes of dredging, and properly disposing of the dredged
11 materials from, the following projects involving dredging of
12 navigational waterways or related to the disposal of dredged
13 materials therefrom:
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<u>Waterway</u>	<u>Estimated Project Cost</u>
Double Creek and	
Highbar Harbor Channel, Ocean County	\$1,700,000
Smiths Creek, Middlesex County	\$ 400,000
Bidwells Creek, Cape May County	\$ 300,000
Waackaack Creek, Monmouth County	\$ 800,000
Upper Manasquan, Ocean County	\$1,200,000
Shark River Back Channel, Monmouth County	\$1,200,000
Rumson Dredge Spoils	
Disposal Site Stabilization	\$ 500,000
Waretown Creek, Ocean County	\$ 400,000
Lakes Bay, Atlantic County	\$ 1,400,000
Beaver Dam Creek South Branch, Ocean County	\$ 500,000
Cedar Creek, Ocean County	\$ 450,000
Sunset Lake, Cape May County	\$ 840,000
Harvey Cedars North and South, Ocean County	\$ 900,000
Kettle Creek, Ocean County	\$ 500,000
Laurel Harbor/Oyster Pond Channel, Ocean County	\$ 450,000
Federal/State ICW Study	\$1,600,000
Kinsey Cove Channel (Harvey Cedars), Ocean County	\$ 600,000
Liberty Harbor	\$ 350,000
Loveladies Harbor Lagoons Entrance	\$ 800,000
Mill Creek and West Thoroughfare	\$1,600,000
Mud Channel (Barnegat Bay)	\$1,200,000
Parkertown Creek	\$ 750,000
South Branch of Forked River	\$1,100,000
Westecunk Creek (Eagleswood)	<u>\$ 1,200,000</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$22,140,000</u>

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45 2. There is also appropriated from the General Fund to the
46 Department of Environmental Protection the sum of \$4,000,000 for
47 the purposes of dredging, and properly disposing of the dredged
48 materials from, the following projects involving dredging of

1 waterways of navigational importance for recreational and
2 residential boating in the State that have not been officially
3 designated as navigational waterways:

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5 Hancy's Pond, Forked River
6 Manahawkin Creek
7 Veeder and Bayview Lagoon
8 Mystic Island Lagoons
9 O Street Lake Lagoon, Seaside Park
10 Skippers Cove Beach
11 Sunrise Beach, Forked River
12 Thompson Creek, Tuckerton
13 Tide Pond Creek.
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15 3. The Department of Environmental Protection shall apply any
16 unexpended monies from the appropriations made pursuant to this
17 act to the cost of dredging other navigational channels in the State.
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19 4. This act shall take effect immediately.
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22 STATEMENT
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24 This bill appropriates \$26,140,000 for the purposes of dredging,
25 and properly disposing of the dredged materials from, certain
26 navigational waterways, projects related to the disposal of dredged
27 materials from such dredging projects, and the dredging of other
28 waterways of navigational importance that are not designated as
29 navigational waterways. The dredging projects of navigational
30 waterways outside of the New York/New Jersey port region have
31 gone unfunded for many years and the situation has reached a
32 critical stage. A number of the projects on the list of navigational
33 waterways in the bill are State priority projects that the State has
34 been unable to fund from the "Port of New Jersey Revitalization,
35 Dredging, Environmental Cleanup, Lake Restoration, and Delaware
36 Bay Area Economic Development Bond Act of 1996," P.L.1996,
37 c.70, because the remaining monies for this type of dredging has
38 been committed to the Delaware River deepening project, another
39 important and crucial navigational waterway dredging project. The
40 projects funded by the \$4,000,000 appropriation are of importance
41 to residential and recreational boating.